

Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 27.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to business and professions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 599, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Licensing boards: disciplinary actions.

Existing law establishes the Department of Consumer Affairs in the State and Consumer Services Agency. Existing law establishes within the department specified boards, bureaus, and commissions for the purpose of ensuring that private businesses and professionals engaging in activities that have potential impact upon the public health, safety, and welfare are adequately regulated in order to protect the people of California. Existing law authorizes those entities to license qualified persons according to set and accepted professional standards, and to provide a means for redress of grievances by investigating allegations of unprofessional conduct, incompetence, fraudulent action, or unlawful activity. Existing law requires certain of those entities to provide on the Internet information regarding the status of every license issued by an entity in accordance with the California Public Records Act.

This bill would require every board, as defined, to post each accusation, statement of issues, or disciplinary action taken by the board on that board's Internet Web site within 10 days of the filing date of the accusation or statement of issues, or the effective date of the disciplinary action.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 27.5 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 27.5. In addition to any applicable requirements specified in
4 Section 27, every board, as defined in Section 22, shall post each
5 accusation, statement of issues, or disciplinary action taken by the
6 board on that board's Internet Web site within 10 days of the filing
7 date of the accusation or statement of issues, or the effective date
8 of the disciplinary action. The link to each posted action shall be
9 easily accessible from the board's Internet home page.

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